

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

TRIBAL RESOLUTION # 092213-01

Designating the second Monday of October as
Native American Domestic Violence Awareness Day

- WHEREAS** the Waganakising Odawak Nation, known as the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, and its citizens are vested with inherent sovereignty and right to self-governance;
- WHEREAS** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe under Public Law 103-324, and is a party to numerous Treaties with the United States the most recent of which being the Treaty of Washington of March 28, 1836 (7 Stat. 491) and the Treaty of Detroit of 1855 (11 Stat. 621);
- WHEREAS** Domestic Violence is a serious and pervasive public health, human rights, and social justice issue affecting one in four (25%) women nationally. The impact of domestic violence is devastating. A family's home becomes a place of fear, hopelessness, and desperation when a woman is battered by her partner or a child witnesses the abuse of his mother. An estimated 103,389 domestic violence cases were reported in the state of Michigan in 2003. Far too many families in Michigan and around the nation are affected by domestic violence; and
- WHEREAS** No one is more vulnerable than Native American women for the national statistics show two in five (40%) will be affected by domestic violence in their life time. Victims of domestic violence suffer in silence not knowing where to turn, with little guidance, and/or support. Sadly, this tragedy does not just affect adults; and
- WHEREAS** The exposure to violence in the home, even when a child is not directly injured, can contribute to behavioral, social and emotional problems. Children who experience violence are at a higher risk for failure in school, emotional and substance abuse disorders, and are more likely to perpetuate the cycle of violence themselves later in life; and
- WHEREAS** Ending domestic violence will require the collaborative efforts of everyone, including law enforcement, criminal justice system, public health officials, and community members. It will require that everyone communicate a universal message that violence of any nature, and especially domestic violence, is unacceptable; and

WHEREAS We call upon all organizations, both tribal and non-tribal; law enforcement, health officials, and community members to speak out against sexual assault and support local efforts in Indian Country to help victims find the healing they seek;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the second Monday of October is declared Native American Domestic Violence Awareness Day. We recognize all domestic violence victims and those who serve them during the entire month of October and stand united in our commitment to end all forms of domestic violence in our Tribe.

CERTIFICATION

As Tribal Council Legislative Leader and Tribal Council Secretary, we certify that this Tribal Resolution was duly adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians at a regular meeting of the Tribal Council held September 22, 2013 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 2 absent as recorded by this roll call:

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Bill A. Denemy	X			
John W. Keshick III	X			
Beatrice A. Law	X			
Michael J. Naganashe	X			
Aaron W. Otto				X
Winnay J. Wemigwase				X
Marcella R. Reyes	X			
Julia A. Shananaquet	X			
Regina Gasco Bentley	X			

Date: 9-22-13

Regina Gasco Bentley
Regina Gasco Bentley, Legislative Leader

Date: 9-22-13

Julia A. Shananaquet
Julia A. Shananaquet, Secretary

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by

Rosi Flynn

Pursuant to Article VII, Section D, Subsection 1 of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Constitution adopted on February 1, 2005 the Executive concurs in this action of the Tribal Council.

Date: 9-26-13

Fred Kiogima
Fred Kiogima, Tribal Chairperson